



## Standardbred Official Ruling

**Ruling Number** 2097658

**Licence No.:** HP712F9

**Date:** March 22, 2023

Mohawk Park

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE *HORSE RACING LICENCE ACT, 2015*,  
S.O. 2015, c.38, Sched. 9;  
AND IN THE MATTER OF Garry M. Merner**

On January 21, 2023, the standardbred horse "BELECHICK" (tattoo number 1TM90) finished sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) in the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) race at Woodbine Mohawk Park Raceway. BELECHICK is trained by GARRY MERNER "MERNER". The horse was selected for pre-race testing and was identified by test tag number 532302116.

On January 24, 2023, Racing Forensics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag number 532302116, contained TC02 with a value measured at 38.7 mmol/L.

On January 23, 2023, the standardbred horse "QUAN BLUE CHIP" (tattoo number 4PM04) finished fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) in the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) race at Woodbine Mohawk Park Raceway. QUAN BLUE CHIP is trained by MERNER. The horse was selected for pre-race testing and was identified by test tag number 532302312.

On January 26, 2023, Racing Forensics Inc. reported that the blood sample with Test Tag number 532302312, contained TC02 with a value measure at 37.6 mmol/L.

TAKE NOTICE that based on the above MERNER is found to have violated 22.38(a), 26.02.01, 26.02.02 and 26.02.03 (d) of the Rules of Standardbred Racing.

In accordance with Rules 4.02(i), 6.04 and 22.38.06 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive 1-2018, MERNER is hereby fully suspended for sixty (60) days (April 7, 2023, to June 5, 2023, inclusive) and issued a monetary penalty of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars.

TAKE NOTICE that all horses owned in whole or in part are suspended and are not eligible to race during the suspension period. All horses may with the consent of the AGCO Racing Officials be released to another trainer in accordance with Rules 6.13.01 and 26.08. All purse monies shall be returned for redistribution. In accordance with Rules 9.13 and 18.08.01, BELECHICK and QUAN BLUE CHIP are hereby declared unplaced for all purposes, with the exception of Pari-Mutuel Wagering.

The revised order of finish for Race 8 at Woodbine Mohawk Park Raceway on January 21, 2023 is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	#6	Full Disclosure
2 <sup>nd</sup>	# 1	JJ Xavier
3 <sup>rd</sup>	#4	Ponderance
4 <sup>th</sup>	#3	Flight Oneforthsix
5 <sup>th</sup>	#5	Ship Disturber
6 <sup>th</sup>	#8	Jack Panic
7 <sup>th</sup>	#2	Hashtag Money
	#3	BELECHICK - disqualified

The revised order of finish for Race 6 at Woodbine Mohawk Park Raceway on January 23, 2023 is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	#3	Speaking of Art
2 <sup>nd</sup>	#1	A Boy Named Suuz
3 <sup>rd</sup>	#6	Legal Bettor
4 <sup>th</sup>	#5	Julerica
5 <sup>th</sup>	#2	Partyintheshadows
6 <sup>th</sup>	#4	Iceneedswhiskey
	#7	Quan Blue Chip

The following terms are added to MERNER license: two years of probation commencing (June 6, 2023, 2023 to , June 5, 2025 inclusive), pursuant to Rule 4.02(i), and 6.04 of the Rules of Standardbred Racing and Policy Directive No. 3-2008.

1. The Licensee is required to complete the AGCO Equine Medication Use and Awareness Program before reinstatement;
2. The Licensee may be subject to a Notice of Proposed Order in addition to any penalty imposed by the AGCO Race Officials for any breach of the terms of their license.

By Order of



Jamie Wannamaker  
Director, Regulatory Compliance Branch